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SUBJECT: USSR-BULGARIAN PROTOCOL ON 1974 BILATERAL TRADE

1. BULGARIAN MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE NEDEV AND SOVIET COUNTERPART PATOLICHEV SIGNED BILATERAL TRADE PROTOCOL FOR 1974 IN MOSCOW JANUARY 15 ACCORDING TO LEAD STORY IN ALL PAPERS. AGREEMENT CALLS FOR 10 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1973 TRADE TO NEW HIGH OF 2.8 BILLION RUBLES.

2. COMMENTARY ON AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS REACHED IN ATMOSPHERE OF "COMPLETE UNANIMITY OF VIEWS," CALLS FOR "SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS FROM USSR WHICH WILL HAVE DECISIVE MEANING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BULGARIAN ECONOMY AND WILL INCLUDE CRUDE OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS, ELECTRIC POWER, COAL, COKE, IRON ORE, FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METALS, COTTON, CELLULOSE, AND CHEMICALS."

3. BULGARIA WILL EXPORT TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, ELECTRIC MOTORS AND EQUIPMENT, FOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, CALCINATED SODA AND OTHER CHEMICALS, AS WELL AS AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

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4. COMMENT: AUTHORATIVE BULGAR OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED

THAT ANY INCREASE IN RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET  
UNION WILL NECESSITATE AN INCREASE IN BULGARIAN INVEST-  
MENT AND MANPOWER IN THE USSR. IT IS BROADLY KNOWN THAT BULGARIAN  
INVESTMENTS AND MANPOWER ARE USED IN THE USSR MINING AND WOOD  
PRODUCT SECTORS.

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